Population explosion

†429. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether half of the entire population of the world would turn urban within the forthcoming three years;

(b) if so, the ratio of Indian population therein;

(c) what would be the enhanced percentage of India'a urban population in the population of the world by 2010;

(d) the measures being taken by Government to check this increasing pressure of urban population; and

(e) the measures being taken to provide housing, water, health, sanitation and other necessities in urban areas for the above said population?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The United Nations estimates indicate that in 2001, about 48% (2.93 billion) of the world population lived in urban areas. (Source: Planning Commission, Mid-Term Appraisal of Tenth Plan Report, Draft Chapter VIII). This is likely to increase to 50% or more in the forthcoming three years.

(b) As per 2001 census (Primary Census Abstract, Census of India, 2001), 286.11 million population constituted urban component in the country, which is about 9.65% of the total urban population of the world, estimated by United Nations.

(c) By 2010-11, the estimated urban population in India would be around 34%-35% of India's total population, which would be about 5.87% of the total world population.

(d) The Centrally sponsored IDSMT scheme is in operation to develop requisite level of infrastructure in small and medium towns so as to arrest migration from these to large urban centres, while the Mega City Scheme seeks to augment/strengthen infrastructure in Mega Cities to cater to increase in population.

(e) Providing housing, water, health, sanitation and other necessities is the primary responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territories. However, this Ministry has been sensitizing the State Governments/Union Territories on the need to undertake urban sector reforms for providing the basic necessities to the urban population. Ministry of Urban Employment

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and Poverty Alleviation has also launched a programme known as "Two Million Housing Programme" in 1998 which provides for 7 lakh additional houses in urban areas besides 13 lakh additional houses in rural areas each year.

Slum Sanitation Programme Stage-II in Mumbai

430. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal for grant/credit/loan from the World Bank for implementing Slum Sanitation Programme Stage-II in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the date of its receipt; and

(c) the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra forwarded a proposal for grant/ credit/loan from the World Bank for implementing Slum Sanitation Programme in Mumbai to this Ministry. The Slum Sanitation Programme (Stage-II) is proposed to be implemented in 7 years upto 2010 and the cost of the works is Rs. 4800 million, including engineering services towards design, project management and physical and cost contingencies. The project aims to provide sustainable improvements to the sanitation, based on demand drivan participatory approach, for the benefit of slum dwellers located on municipal, private and Government lands, to provide water, sewerage, storm water network in and around slums and to integrate the system with the city network and to provide solid waste collection and disposal mechanism with the help of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) from amongst the slum dwellers. The proposal has been received in the Ministry in May, 2004.

(c) The Government of Maharashtra has been requested to furnish certain clarifications on the proposal.

Environmental projects in urban slums

†431. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects being run at present with the help of foreign assistance in the country for environmental improvement in urban slums specially in Himachal Pradesh and since when;

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